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THE PARK

Weinberg-King State Park is an area of rolling hills with a meandering creek in western Illinois. The 772-acre park, including a 4-acre pond, is in Schuyler County 3 miles east of Augusta north of Route 101.

Mrs. Gertrude K. Allen presented a deed for about 500 acres of this land to the State of Illinois in May 1968. An additional 295 acres was purchased by the Department of Conservation.

HISTORY

The late Mrs. Allen presented the deed for the property to Conservation Department officials in an informal ceremony held in her home in Augusta. She had indicated a desire for some time to do something in memory of her parents, the late Fredrick M. and Fredricka Weinberg King and her three brothers, Jacob Weinberg King, Harry M. King and L. Edson King. Max Weinberg, a Quincy attorney and a cousin of Mrs. Allen, made arrangements for the land to be given to the state in accordance with the wish of the 85-year-old benefactor. The legislator honored this wish for a family memorial by officially naming the area Weinberg-King State Park.

The land, estimated to be worth more than $250,000, had been owned by the Allen family since 1905. Most of the land was not cultivated but was maintained as a permanent pasture. The 295-acre farm purchased from Paul Dennis was partly in cultivation and contained the 3.8 acre farm pond. Dennis previously operated a commercial poultry products cannery and the "turkey houses" fronting the highway were landmarks in the area until they were removed to make way for the new road into the park.

NATURAL FEATURES

The terrain is rolling with steep hillsides. William Creek picturesquely meanders through the park for about 2 miles. The average depth of the creek is about 3 feet. The majority of mature trees are locust and osage orange, although pines, autumn olive, honeysuckle, oak and walnut trees have been planted. Many wildflowers are found on the hillsides and along the creek.

Dove, quail, and songbirds familiar to the area may be observed. The red squirrel and rabbit are plentiful and a deer is frequently seen.

FACILITIES

Picnicking: There are two picnic areas with tables and park stoves. Parking lots and pit toilets are nearby. Water is available at two drinking fountains and playground equipment is provided.

Trails: Horseback riders will find a good trail through the park.

Fishing: William Creek contains bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish and smallmouth bass for bank fishermen.

Hunting: Most of the park is available for upland game hunting in season. Consult the park ranger for information concerning shooting times and opening dates for various game.

Please: This area is for all to enjoy so help keep it clean. Put all litter in the nearest available trash container. No plants or parts of any tree may be removed or damaged. If you need help or have a question, contact the ranger.

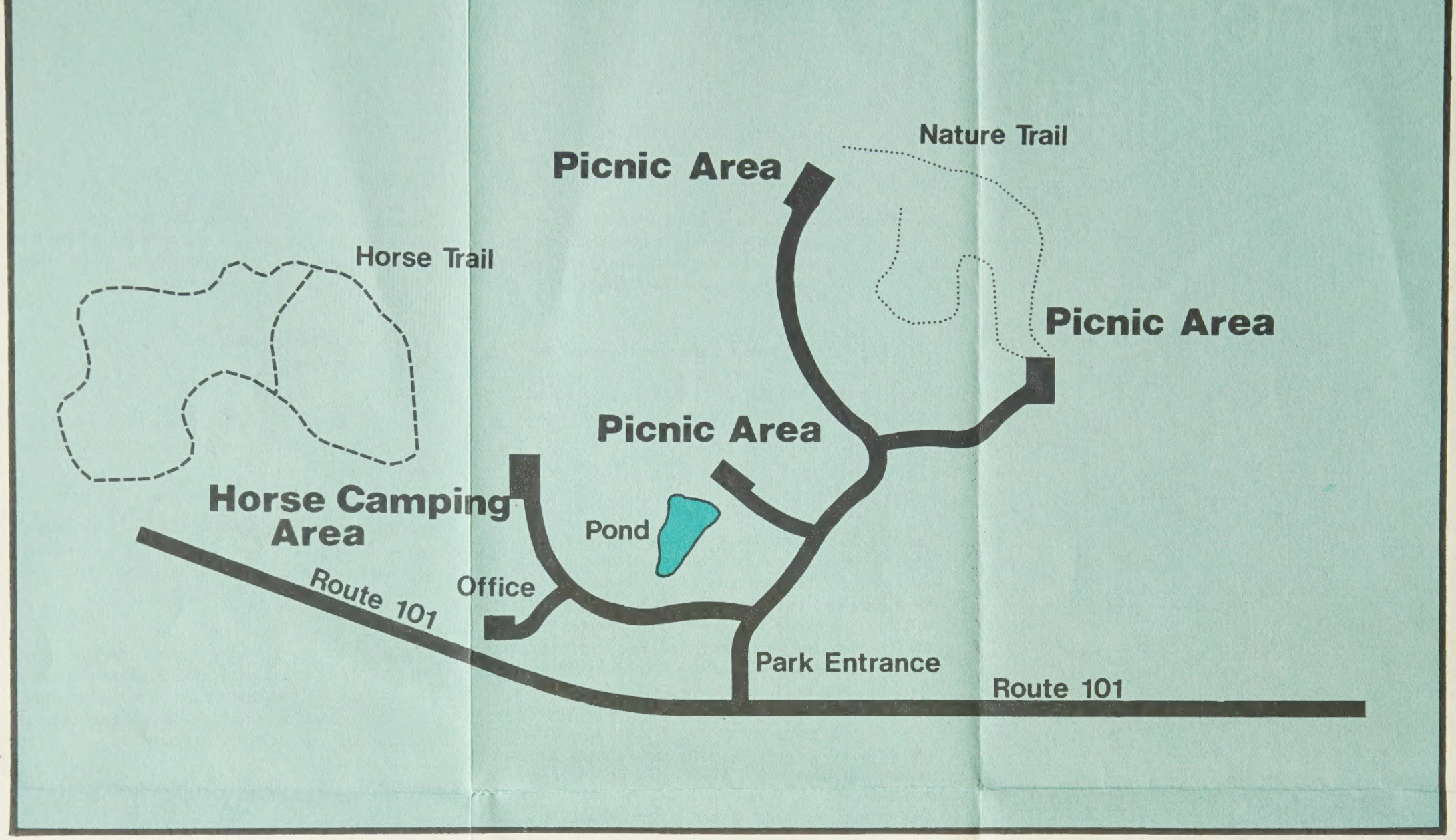
FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

Admittance will not be granted groups of 25 or more persons to any state park or conservation area unless permission from the park ranger has been secured to use the facilities. It is also required that groups of minors have adequate supervision and that at least one responsible adult accompany each group not exceeding 15 minors. All pets must be on a leash.

Numerous state parks and memorials are within easy access of every part of the state. Lodges, cabins and dining rooms are important features of Illinois Beach, Starved Rock, Pere Marquette, White Pines Forest and Giant City. Reservations for lodging should be made with lodge managers.

All state parks are open the year round. When weather conditions necessitate the closing of park roads during freezing and thawing periods, access to park facilities is by foot only.

For more details about this site, contact, Ranger, P.O. Box 203, Augusta, Illinois 62311, Phone 217/392-2345. For information on other Illinois sites, write the Department of Conservation, Information/Education Division, State Office Building, Springfield, Illinois 62706.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